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FCRA AMENDED RULES TO MAKE FUND TRANSFER EASY

Home ministry makes changes in Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act rules; to benefit relatives and NGOs

CITIZENS CAN RECEIVE ₹10L WITHOUT DISCLOSURE

Indians can receive up to ₹10 lakh in a year from relatives abroad without informing competent authorities. Earlier the limit was ₹1 lakh. They can now have 90 days to inform the govt instead of 30 days. The new amended rules also bar public servants from receiving foreign funds and made Aadhaar mandatory for every office-bearer of NGOs

ORGANISATIONS TO GET MORE TIME

- The new rules have given individuals and organisations or NGOs 45 days to inform MHA about bank account(s) that are to be used for utilisation of such funds
- Declaring foreign funds including details of donors, amount received, and date, every quarter on its website done away

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ORGANISATIONS ALLOWED TO USE FUNDS FOR ADMINISTRATION

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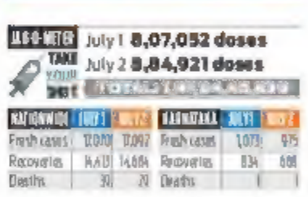

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PAKISTAN: IN FREE FALL

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PM Narendra Modi and BJP National President J P Nadda during the party's national executive committee meeting in Hyderabad on Saturday | VINAY MADAPU

Acid rain in Hyd as KCR takes on Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

IT was a temperate July day in Hyderabad—never going beyond 30 degrees Celsius—but the earth was searing-hot with rhetoric. Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao took on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who was just a few miles away, daring him to pull down the Telangana government just as the ruling BJP had done in Maharashtra—and promising a "revolution" if that came about.

PM Modi had landed in Hyderabad in the afternoon to participate in the BJP's national executive. He headed straight to the venue—HICC, in the city's IT corridor—in a chopper. The stage there had already seen belligerent words from BJP leaders, as they engaged in political volleys with KCR.

The TRS, rightly interpreting the BJP's choice of Hyderabad for its national executive as a politically loaded one, decided to go big with its own counter-show. Hours before the PM arrived in the city, KCR and his minister-son K T Rama Rao organised a grand welcome for Opposition presidential candidate Yashwant Sinha. It rained pink petals, flags and confetti as a convoy carrying Rao and Sinha drove from Begumpet airport to the Jalavihar guest house on Necklace road, trailed by hundreds of bikes. And then, as KCR addressed his party MPs and MLAs, the barbs flew thick and fast. He called the caravan of BJP leaders "political tourists" and taunted PM Modi about the falling rupee and asked why he was avoiding talking about what was his pet subject when the UPA was ruling.

"Several great Union ministers who are here are saying they will topple the TRS government. We are also waiting for it so that we can be free. Later we will bring you down in Delhi," Rao thundered.

At the BJP venue, party orators had already lit up the stage with some fiery words.

Referring to the glaring absence of the CM among the dignitaries who welcomed PM Modi, Union minister Smriti Irani called it an insult to the Constitution.

As the political fisticuffs continued late into the night on Saturday, it will be Modi's turn to take centrestage on Sunday as he is set to address a public meeting in Secunderabad. The BJP promises that will signal "the death-knell" for TRS's dynastic rule. P5,9

Hate angle in Amravati, too

Police suspect chemist was killed for backing Nupur; NIA starts probe

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi / Mumbai

THE Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Saturday handed over the case related to the murder of a 54-year-old chemist at Amravati in Maharashtra to the National Investigation Agency (NIA), three days after it entrusted the federal organisation with probing the gruesome killing of a tailor in Rajasthan's Udaipur.

"MHA handed over the investigation of the case relating to the barbaric killing of Umesh Kolhe in Amravati, Maharashtra, on June 21 to the NIA. The conspiracy behind the killing, involvement of organisations and international linkages would be thoroughly investigated," the Home Minister's Office tweeted.

Kolhe ran a medical store in Amravati city. He had shared a post on a few WhatsApp groups in support of Nupur Sharma. According to police, a man named Irfan Khan is the mastermind behind the brutal killing. Khan allegedly roped in five others to murder Kolhe, promising them ₹10,000 each and safe escape. Kolhe was killed on June 21 night when he was on his way back home on a two-wheeler. Police officials say his throat was slit.

The Amravati police have a rested six suspects. Drawing similarities between the Udaipur and Amravati killings, Amravati DCP Vikram Sali said, "Prima facie, it seems that the reason for the murder is Kolhe's social media post on Nupur Sharma."

The police have also recovered a knife which was allegedly used to commit the crime. Before making the arrests, the police recovered and studied CCTV footage which helped them nab the suspects.

INVESTIGATION TEAM VISITS SITE

A team of the NIA visited Amravati city on Saturday and started the investigation. Another team of Anti-Terrorism Squad of state police from Aurangabad will also visit the city to collect information, sources said

KERC ORDER

No OC needed for power connection

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) issued orders late Friday night stating that occupancy certificate (OC) is no more needed for getting a power supply connection.

According to the order, which was made public on Saturday, the applicant should henceforth provide proof of identity and proof of ownership, under Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka Tenth Amendment, 2022.

The order comes into effect from the date of publication in the official gazette of Karnataka state and all pending supply, additional supply of electricity for which power sanction is communicated and work order issued will be processed as per these amended conditions of supply without insisting on fresh applications. It will apply to all the licencees engaged in the business of distribution of electricity and consumers in Karnataka. CONTINUED ON: P2

An accused in Kanhaiya Lal killing case being manhandled by the public | PTI

Angry mob led by lawyers attacks Kanhaiya killers outside court

JAIPUR: The four accused in the brutal killing of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal came under attack as they were being taken to a prisoner transport vehicle after being produced in a court here. A mob led by some lawyers raised slogans against the accused and demanded capital punishment for them. The lawyers shouted slogans such as "Pakistan Murdabad" and "Kanhaiya ke hatyaron ko fansi Do (hang the murderers of Kanhaiya)". The angry mob tried to thrash the accused and even tore off the cloth of one of the accused before police rescued them. The four accused—Riaz Akhtari, Ghouse Mohammad, Mohsin and Asif—were produced in the special NIA court amid tight security arrangements. The court remanded the four till July 12. *ENS*

BUMRAH'S DAY

Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah starred on Day 2 to put India on top in the fifth Test against England at Edgbaston

THIRD CENTURY FOR JADEJA

All-rounder Ravindra Jadeja consolidated India's position at Edgbaston, scoring his third Test century. The southpaw's knock came off 194 deliveries and included 13 fours. He had shared a 222-run partnership with Pant on Friday

UNWANTED RECORD FOR BROAD

England pacer Stuart Broad, who had conceded six sixes in an over to Yuvraj Singh in the World T20 in 2007, now holds the record for most runs conceded in Tests too. Bowling with the second new ball, Broad delivered the 84th over when India were placed at 377/9 as England looked to restrict the visitors. Instead, Jasprit Burmah scored 29 runs and Broad conceded five wides as he leaked 35 runs in one over. (4, 5wd, 6 nb, 4, 4, 4, 6, 1) as India ended at 416 | P13

THREE WICKETS

Bumrah came back and took three wickets to reduce England to 84 for 5 in 27 overs

The tiger spotted in a banana plantation in Gundlupet

Tiger attacks 2 men, creates panic in village

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru

A tiger, which strayed out of the Gopalaswamy Betta forest range under Bandipur Tiger Reserve (BTR), attacked two villagers at Gopalapura village of Gundlupet taluk in Chamarajanagar district on Saturday. The victims who received minor injuries have been admitted to K R Hospital in Mysuru.

The incident happened on Saturday afternoon when the tiger killed a cow belonging to a farmer Siddappa in his farm. As the news spread, the villagers rushed to the spot and tried to chase the wild cat. But the panicked tiger while escaping from the crowd attacked Gaviyappa (60) injuring him in the eye.

The villagers rushed him to Gundlupet Government Hospital in a jeep. However, as the tiger tried to hide itself in a banana plantation in the village, villagers from Gopalaupra and nearby villages gathered in large numbers at the place. Despite warning from forest staff, the villagers went close to the tiger and tried to chase it back into the forest. P5

Now, ED to probe Zubair's funding

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) is likely to file a money laundering case against Alt-News co-founder Mohammed Zubair after Delhi Police found he received donations from Pakistan and Syria.

The federal financial investigating agency has asked the Delhi Police to hand over the FIR, remand papers and account-related information of the Zubair's website.

Earlier, a Delhi court dismissed Zubair's bail plea and sent him to 14-day judicial custody, citing the nature and gravity of the offences against him and observing that the matter is at the initial stage of investigation. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Snigdha Sarvaria pronounced the judgment after the open court reconvened late in the evening.

Delhi Police had produced Zubair before the court on the expiry of his five-day custodial interrogation. The police said he was not required for custodial interrogation but sought his judicial custody.

Zubair was arrested on June 27 for an "objectionable tweet" he posted in 2018. Notably, he was arrested soon after he flagged a video of now-suspended BJP leader Nupur Sharma's controversial remarks on Prophet Mohammed.

Police have invoked Sections 201 (causing disappearance of evidence), 120B (criminal conspiracy) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), and Section 35 of the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) for allegedly receiving foreign donations.

Goof-up by Delhi Police

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

DELHI Police had egg on its face after a senior official told media that Zubair's bail application was rejected even before the order was pronounced. "It is extremely scandalous and it speaks of the status of rule of law in our country today. That even before the judicial magistrate has sat and pronounced the order, the police have leaked the order to the media. How KPS Malhotra (DCP) knows what the order is? This calls for serious, serious introspection," said Soutik Banerjee, Zubair's lawyer. The police officer later claimed he "misheard" the message from his colleague, which led to the confusion.

EXPRESS READ

Man's jaw broken after pub bouncers punch him

Bengaluru: A man from Chennai had his jaw broken by three bouncers who punched him in the face at an upscale pub in Koramangala. The victim, Shriram Thirumalai, who runs a startup in Bengaluru, had gone to the pub to attend a party. He came out to attend a phone call but when he was entering again, the bouncers stopped him. They allegedly punched him in the face | P5

Amarinder to be NDA's vice-prez candidate?

Chandigarh: Former Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh could be NDA's Vice-President candidate, sources said. Earlier, there were reports that he would join the BJP upon his return from London, where is recuperating from a spinal surgery.

Seismologists: Tremors in Kodagu may be sign of impending disaster

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

SEISMOLOGISTS and experts have warned that the frequent earthquakes and tremors occurring in Kodagu is a sign of an impending disaster that should not be ignored while assuming that the Deccan Plateau, which is the oldest land formation, is the safest region in seismological terms.

After studying the nature of tremors and their increasing frequency, the experts have forecast at least a 100 vibrations in the region in the coming days, about which the government needs to take a serious view to mitigate casualties in case of a larger seismic disaster. While they said since earthquakes are up to magnitude 3.0 on the Richter Scale there is nothing to worry about, they also cautioned against ignoring the tremors. They said the floods, landslides and now the earthquakes in the region are a warning sign to be cautious, while pointing out that the fragile Western Ghats region is not safe.

These observations have been made by a team of experts which visited the region over the past few days to take stock of the situation. Their observations are based on the assessments they made over the last week and on the number of earthquakes that have occurred.

Locals fear earthquakes could trigger landslides in Kodagu

The visiting experts were seismologists, disaster management cell officials and local administration officials.

The team has also expressed concerns over the earthquakes during the monsoon period. "At present they are occurring after the rain. The rainfall also being recorded in the region is around 6 cm. We are worried if rain of 12-15 cm occurs for 3-4 days and an earthquake occurs at the same time. Then there will be more disasters. Unable to do anything to avoid this, all we are doing is praying," said a local administration official.

An official from National Centre of Seismology, who wished not to be named, said: "If the number of earthquakes and vibrations intensifies, then it is a matter of concern. Then there is an urgent need to study the waves and the faults. However, the government should not relax. A close monitoring of the situation is required." CONTINUED ON: P5

PROMOTING ART

K'taka's folk varsity to branch out across the globe

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Janapada Vishwavidyalaya (Karnataka Folklore University), the only university in the world which offers courses in folk arts and culture, has now set its eyes on expanding its reach globally. It is approaching colleges and organisations across the world.

The decade-old university, was an initiative of former CM B S Yediyurappa in 2011 and was inaugurated by former CM D V Sadananda Gowda in 2012. Presently, it offers certificate courses in doddata (folk drama), dollu kunitha, kamsale, thogalu bombeyata (puppet show), traditional embroidery, folk tourism, folk songs, folk dances, bamboo art, folk martial arts, folk sports, percussion instrument, and yoga. It also offers diploma courses in open air theatre, yakshagana, traditional tattoo art, martial arts and yoga. It also offers post-graduate diploma courses in

folk poetry, traditional dairy and traditional horticulture.

Speaking to *TNSE*, Prof C T Guruprasad, Registrar and Vice Chancellor (in-charge) of the university said over 600 students have enrolled for various courses offered by them. These classes are conducted on their campus at Shiggavi in Haveri district, which happens to be CM Basavaraj Bommai's constituency. "Initially, when the university was started, around 50 colleges and organisations from Karnataka enrolled and were affiliated to our university. We are now reaching out to colleges and organisations beyond Karnataka and also outside India," he said. P6